

GOVERNORS TAKE FIRST STEPS TO TEST STATE RIGHTS

Harmon Committee Meets in Spring Lake and Begins Study of Rate Cases.

ONE PLOT WENT WRONG

Effort Was Made to Put Conservative Ohio Executive in a Hole.

(Special from a Staff Correspondent of The Evening World.)

SPRING LAKE, N. J., Sept. 15.—The regular session of the house of governors began to-day, Gov. Judson Harmon of Ohio, Gov. Hadley of Wisconsin and Gov. Aldrich of Nebraska, composing the committee which was yesterday named for the purpose of taking to the Supreme Court of the United States the case of the States against the inferior Federal courts, held a brief session.

They discussed the preliminary question referred to them by the vote of yesterday, when they were instructed to take the Nebraska rate cases, which include the Minnesota cases and some eight separate actions, before the highest tribunal for the purpose of asserting the right of the States to regulate their affairs.

"We did not reach any conclusion on any point," said Gov. Harmon after the conference. "We merely talked over the matter, and decided that briefs and papers in all of the cases now existing should be sent to each one of us at once and that then we might see what action would be necessary. As soon as we have received these papers and read them carefully we will undoubtedly hold a meeting to go over the position of the States in the contest."

There are many here who see a political plot gone astray in the selection of Gov. Harmon as the head of this committee.

PLOT IS SET ON FOOT AIMED AT GOV. HARMON.

At 1 o'clock yesterday afternoon there came from a dozen active but unseen sources the information to correspondents that Gov. Harmon had told them that Gov. Aldrich thought the time was not far distant when something would have to be done with the Federal judges. The statement was already on the wire to the Associated Press and to a score of leading newspapers that Gov. Harmon "had attacked the Federal judiciary." The correspondent of The Evening World at once sought Gov. Harmon. He denied the statement, and the denial quickly overtook and stepped the report. A few moments more and the charge would have gone all over the United States. The story was being hastily discussed about the lobbies of the New Hotel Monmouth when the Governors began their afternoon session at 2:30 o'clock. Then came the proposal of Gov. O'Neal of Alabama to name a committee of nine to represent the States in the rate cases. Other Governors thought the number too large. Gov. Hadley, seeing the chance to make the Ohio man take the field, quickly proposed that Gov. Harmon head the committee. The other Governors fell for the idea, without thinking. Only Gov. Gilchrist of Florida, not sure why, but doubting, pleaded with his friends to adjourn and think about the matter before taking any action. Gov. Stubbs of Kansas gave the movement concrete form when he moved that Gov. Harmon, Gov. Hadley and Gov. Aldrich be named to push the fight of the States. So there was a Democratic candidate who had been named of the conservative type, harnessed with two radicals as the leader of a radical movement—the strangest collection of political bedfellows that

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ever took a hand in any matter before the American people.
LOOKED LIKE A FRAME-UP TO OHIO GOVERNOR.

But Gov. Harmon had managed to check the underlying purpose of the action and to take his own connection with it into a political horse of another color. He had seen the storm coming and had been advised of the intent.

"I should certainly say it looks as though some one had tried to frame up a coup," he said, coolly reviewing the facts long after the smoke had cleared away. Then he made to The Evening World a statement of the facts as he saw them in the great contest of the States against Federal encroachment.

"This action can in no way be construed as placing me at the head of a movement that has for its purpose the attacking the Federal courts. I am not the man who would be selected for such a mission and my own record is the answer to that proposition."

"The plain case is that the United States Circuit Court has held, in the minority opinion of Judge Taft, in several cases, that the States have the right to regulate their own affairs."

"Our function as representatives of the States is merely to see that the side of the States in the controversy is properly and fully presented to the Supreme Court of the United States on the question of construction of the laws made under the provisions of the Constitution. If in so doing we show that one judge is in error, that is not an attack upon the courts, but the lawful and proper questioning, in a perfectly orderly and lawful way, of the judgment of one court, submitting that issue to another and a higher court."

Gov. Harmon left this afternoon for Knoxville, Tenn., where he is to speak. He was asked if he would make a formal declaration of his candidacy for President.

"No man ever runs away from such a nomination," he said.

He referred to the action of the conference yesterday as being in effect a revolution against the policy of centralization as outlined and advocated by the Roosevelt Administration.

UNIFORM DIVORCE PUT OFF A YEAR BY GOVERNORS.

(Special from a Staff Correspondent of The Evening World.)

SPRING LAKE, N. J., Sept. 15.—The Governors have decided that the question of uniform divorce is too important to be decided on a perfunctory discussion. It has been agreed that the topic be made the chief subject for next year's session. All of the big guns will be turned upon the divorce problem. The assignment to next year's schedule was made during today's session.

This action is the result of a visit of Canon Chase of Brooklyn, who came today to urge uniform divorce laws. He wishes to get stringent divorce provision incorporated in the Federal Constitution, but with such language as will not interfere with the States of South Carolina, which do not permit divorce, and such States as New York, which grants divorces upon only one ground.

Canon Chase talked with Gov. Wilson of New Jersey, and presented a petition from the Social Service Committee of Long Island. He also gave the Governor a copy of a resolution which he asked the conference to adopt. The conference never adopts any resolutions. This is the resolution proposed by Canon Chase:

Resolved, That we petition the Congress of the United States to submit to the legislators of all the States an amendment to the constitution of the United States permitting Congress to enact a uniform marriage and divorce law for all the States which shall be a standard of divorce below which no State shall be allowed to grant divorces, but which will not interfere with the right of any State to further limit the causes of divorce or to refuse to grant divorces altogether.

When the public session began today it was announced that Richmond, Va., had been chosen as the place for the next meeting. It will begin on the first Tuesday in September, 1912. Gov. O'Neal, Rase and McGovern were named as an executive committee to arrange the programme and to publish the proceedings of the present conference.

Gov. E. F. Neal of Mississippi read his paper on "The Inheritance Tax and State Comity."

GOVERNORS ANGRY AT DIX.

Criticize His Lack of Interest in the Conference.

(Special to The Evening World.)

SPRING LAKE, N. J., Sept. 15.—The Governors in conference here are not pleased over the lack of interest shown in their work by Gov. Dix of New York. He was on the schedule to read a paper to-day. Just before proceedings opened in the morning several of the Governors were sitting in the lobby.

"Gov. Dix is coming down to-day," said one of them.

"We are about through down here, and I don't see why we should wait for him," remarked another Governor. "He hasn't shown any interest in this conference."

CAMERA MAN DUCKED.

Photographer and His Machine Go Overboard at Flushing.

The next time Photographer William M. Vander Weyde of Flushing, L. I., goes out to take pictures of yachts at anchor in the dim dawn he will establish his camera and tripod on something more stable than the bow of a wobbly row boat.

Vander Weyde and a companion went out early today to take some pictures. The photographer stuck his camera up on its tripod, ducked his head under the voluminous folds of his black cloth and began to focus. A passing motor boat sent a kick from her propeller that caused the photographer's boat to do a chute the chute jump. Overboard went Vander Weyde, camera, tripod and black cloth. The four articles became so inextricably mixed up in the water that Vander Weyde was almost inaudible when hauled out by his companion. He soon recovered, however. The camera was ruined.

CZAR SEES PLOTTER SHOOT PREMIER; STOPS BIG PANIC

Russian Ruler Rushes to Aid of Stolypin as He Falls Wounded in Theatre.

QUIETS THE AUDIENCE.

Orders Band to Play and People Sing National Anthem—Stolypin May Recover.

KIEV, Russia, Sept. 15.—There appear to be grounds for the hope to-day that P. A. Stolypin, Premier of Russia since 1906, and one of the strongest officials that the Government of the Empire has developed in recent years, would for the third time survive the attack of an assassin.

Tired upon at close range as he sat in his chair at the Municipal Theatre last night, the Premier escaped with two wounds, neither of which, it is said, is necessarily fatal. A detailed statement from the physicians was awaited with anxiety this afternoon, but a despatch sent to the Premier's brother, Alexander Stolypin at St. Petersburg in the early morning stated that the patient's condition was "very satisfactory," and the surgeons had not deemed an operation necessary.

Their tentative judgment was that the bullet had entered the chest and had grazed the liver. A pulse of 70 was recorded.

At noon a bulletin was issued signed by Academician Rein, Prof. Volkovich, Malkoff, Janovsky and Dietrichs and Dr. Afanassiev, all of whom were in consultation with the Premier.

"There were two wounds, one in the right breast and the other in the wrist of the right hand. A bullet entered under the sixth rib inside the line of the papillae. No exit was found. The bullet was felt under the twelfth rib near the vertebrae. The examination was attempted under circumstances that lent themselves to a most dramatic scene. The would-be murderer, who described himself as a junior member of a firm of lawyers and the son of a well known attorney and wealthy house owner, M. Bogroff, chose to withdraw from the stage."

CZAR SEES THE ATTACK ON THE PREMIER.

The imperial box was occupied by Emperor Nicholas, the heir apparent Grand Duke Alexis, a youth of seven years, and the Emperor's daughters, the Grand Duchesses Olga, Tatiana, Marie and Anastasia. In the front row of the pit, directly at the rear of the orchestra, were seated Premier Stolypin and his associates in the Ministry.

The curtain had fallen on the second act and there was a buzz of conversation throughout the audience when it was suddenly thrown into a panic.

The clock in the auditorium was pointing to 11:30 when a young man in evening dress moved down the centre aisle quietly and attracting attention only because he carried a revolver, to the box of the Emperor's daughters. He was turned toward the intruder. It was but seconds later when, like a flash, he drew a revolver from his coat and emptied it seemingly point-blank at M. Stolypin.

As the reports of the shots crashed through the house there was a wild cry from the spectators, who rose to their feet simultaneously, many of the women immediately again sinking into their chairs fainting. The vast crowd seemed panic-stricken.

Emperor Nicholas at the sound of the first explosion sprang from his chair and, stepping to the front of the imperial box, stared in the direction of the wounded Premier. With a quick realization of what had occurred His Majesty with difficulty controlled his emotions. Turning to the orchestra, the Emperor demanded that the national anthem be played.

The coolest figure in the tragedy was that of the wounded Stolypin. With great courage he summoned his waning strength, and, rising, faced the Emperor, lifted his wounded arm and made the sign of the cross toward His Majesty, invoking the divine protection. Then he dropped into his seat and before Gen. Soukhomlinoff could assist him the Premier removed his uniform coat and attempted to examine his injuries.

WOULD BE ASSASSIN IS TRAMPLED BY CROWD.

Meantime there was the wildest confusion. The cries of hysterical women filled the place, and men hardly less composed pushed and tumbled here and there, struggling to reach the front of the pit, their minds occupied with the

PSYCHOLOGY OF THE COURSHIP.

"We speak of man as the wooer," says a recent writer on women, "but falling in love is really mediated by the woman. By dress, behavior, coquetry, modesty, reserve, and occasional boldness she gains the attention of man and infatuates him."

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ROOSEVELT SITS IN JUDGMENT AT CHILDREN'S COURT

Ex-President Makes One Little Boy Promise He Will Be Very Good.

YOUNGSTERS SCARED.

Colonel Is Gathering Information to Write Editorial on the Subject.

This was a notable day in the annals of the Children's Court at Third avenue and Eleventh street, for who should come breezing into the little court-room and take a seat beside Justice Franklin Chase Hoyt but Col. Theodore Roosevelt.

His eyes flashed once around the room and a ball in found himself instinctively buttoning a slouchy flap at the bottom of his coat. The teeth gleamed and the Justice and court officials responded with hearty greetings. The Colonel had come to secure material for some editorials on the corrective work of children's courts.

"I'm intensely interested in the subject," he told Justice Hoyt. "My father was one of the first members of the Children's Society, and I have always been glad to help along the work."

One by one the little recalcitrants were stood before the Justice and the strange big man with the shiny eyeglasses and teeth to answer to the charges laid against them, or their parents, by the officers of the Children's Society. Col. Roosevelt followed each case with absorbing interest. By permission of the Court he asked a great number of questions, interrogating not only the little prisoners but the officers and agents of the various charitable homes and State institutions.

One of the first cases that attracted the former President's special attention concerned ten-year-old Frank Carson of No. 15 West One Hundred and Fourth street. Frank was accused of petty pilfering in his neighborhood, the latest of which was the theft of two ears of corn from a peddler's wagon. The pettiness of this offense aroused Col. Roosevelt's indignation against the arrest until he learned that the lad had admitted a succession of minor thefts that gave promise of his development into a first class thief unless something was done to correct the tendency.

Frank's mother was in court. She told of having three other sons, two younger than Frank, and one older, William, who worked steadily at a trade and turns over every cent to his mother each week. The story of virtuous William excited the Colonel's admiration.

"Now, why don't you try to be like your brother," he asked of the unabashed Frank. "William is making a man of himself. He's acting first rate. Don't you want to be like him?"

"Yes, sir," said Frank.

The Colonel and the Justice whispered for a few moments, and then Justice Hoyt told the boy he would give him another chance to be good.

"It's always had a good mother and father," put in Mrs. Carson.

"I'm afraid your evidence as to the mother is prejudiced," said the Colonel, enjoying his joke hugely.

The case followed one another swiftly, and to each the Colonel gave his earnest attention. When he left the courtroom he said he would come back another day.

Outside the Colonel flung himself into his tan raincoat, slipped on his big black felt hat, and dodging the aim of a couple of photographers, struck off foot through the rain in the same old snappy stride that used to lead a pack of secret service hussies to sore feet and desperation in the old Washington days.

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HOW SOME NOTES WERE MADE BY THE UNION BANK

Ellsworth E. Bogart, Former Director Tells About Them at the State Inquiry.

More testimony concerning the financial methods of the David A. Sullivan

outside formerly in charge of the affairs of the Union Bank of Brooklyn was brought out at to-day's hearing before Deputy Bank Superintendent Dodge.

Ellsworth E. Bogart, a director under the Sullivan regime, was the principal witness. He told of certain experiences which he had in connection with a note for \$175,000 signed by David A. Sullivan and endorsed by himself. When the bank was trying to become a member of the Clearing House Association this note was taken up at a meeting of the executive committee, and it was suggested that the associa-

tion might not consider it a proper asset.

"The late Sheriff Battling, who was present, said all of the directors should sign the note," declared Mr. Bogart. "He explained that Mr. Sullivan was carrying it as a burden for the bank. The note was later reduced to \$150,000, and later Mr. Sullivan called me in and said that many of the directors had objected to having it signed in joint fashion."

He suggested that all of the directors sign individual notes for \$10,000. I agreed to this and signed such a note, but I took a second thought the next day and demanded its return. Sullivan wouldn't hear of it. Finally he offered to give me a mortgage for \$25,000, made out by the Camden Construction Company in favor of the Essex and League Company. Gilbert Elliot, who was connected with the latter company, was called down and assured me that the mortgage was a first lien. I accepted it. Later I discovered that it was a third lien. There were two other mortgages on the property—one for \$4,900 and one for \$15,000.

Gilbert Elliot was next recalled as a witness. He explained his turning over of the \$25,000 mortgage to Bogart at Sullivan's request.

"We owed a lot of money to the bank and I felt in duty bound to give Mr. Sullivan this mortgage," he said.

"How many mortgages did you pass over in this free and easy manner?" asked Mr. Cropper.

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